MILWAUKEE NUMISMATIC NEWS

June 2020 – The 1010th regular MNS meeting is scheduled for June 18 and will be held at the Mayfair Mall Community Room, 7:00 PM. Please read the President's message for details.

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The Milwaukee Numismatic Society, founded in 1934, is the oldest and largest organization in Milwaukee devoted to the study of money. Meetings are held at 7:00 PM on the third Thursday of each month in the Community Room on the lower level of Mayfair Mall (W. North Avenue at N. Mayfair Road). The annual MNS coin show is held in October.

June Coin of the Month: This month we offer a 2007 Thomas Jefferson Presidential Dollar, encapsulated by NG for a low starting bid of $8. Just the certification service will cost you $25, so grab this bargain while one is available.

June 2020 MNS President's Message

Finally some good news to report: on June 18th the club will resume having meetings again in the Mayfair conference room. Mall management has confirmed they will place extra tables and chairs in the room so that we can practice "social distancing," ideally no more than three members per table. No refreshments are going to be served for the time being, and whether or not you choose to wear a mask is entirely up to you.

Besides the general business matters we need to get caught up on, the club will also discuss planning issues concerning our autumn coin show. There are myriad things to consider, so here's hoping we will still host a show this fall, as long as Serb Hall does not impose a cancellation upon us.

Other than that, please plan to attend the meeting and let your fellow members know how you passed the last three months in social isolation. Maybe you discovered something amazing in your collection that you completely forgot that you had? Maybe you learned something new after researching something in your collection? Whatever it is, come and relay to us your exciting and interesting stories.

Looking forward to seeing everyone again later this month.

Happy Collecting,
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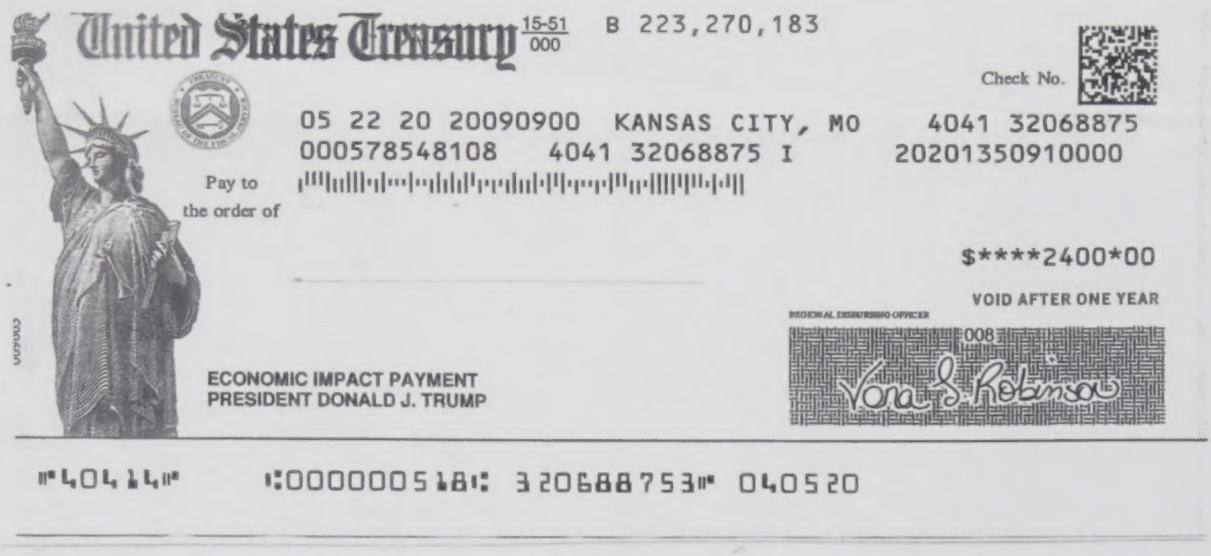
Impact check

Member Tom Casper provided this image of the recent economic impact stimulus check. Given the large sum, Tom doesn't think that any of the original checks will be saved. At least we have a chance to see what it looks like.—LAS



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Schedule

Monthly meetings are held at 7:00 pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month in the Community Meeting Room in the lower level of Mayfair Mall. Visitors interested in numismatics are welcome.

Monthly meeting programs

Jan 16:	Officer Inductions
Feb 20:	"Numismatic Stories & Anecdotes" by: Andy Kimmel
March 19:	CANCELLED
April 16:	CANCELLED
May 21:	CANCELLED
June 18:	Self-Distancing Stories
July 16:	Expanded Show and Tell
Aug 20:	"Gold Star Mothers & Their Medals" by: Peter Jacobsohn (No Show and Tell)
Sept 17:	Numismatic Trivia Game
Oct 15:	Raffle Prize Drawing
Nov 19:	Autumn Auction; Election Slate
Dec 17:	Holiday Party; Officer Elections

Annual Dues

Dues for 2020 are $10. Please pay Leon A. at the next meeting, or they may be mailed to **MNS, PO Box 26886, Wauwatosa, WI 53226-0886.** Thanks to those who have paid. Those who have not paid will be removed from the club's mailing list.

Random Information

MNS is a volunteer organization. We always need new and interesting programs, activities, helpers to work at events, ~~and someone to bring refreshments for the meetings.~~ We are also looking for ideas for club outings. ~~MNS will reimburse refreshment expenses up to $60.~~ To volunteer, please contact Pres. Justin Perrault at 262.613.9996 or VP Jim Heinrich at 262.796.1814. Thanks to everyone who has stepped up by volunteering their time and talent to make the club a success.

2020 Numismatic Events

Aug. 4-8	ANA World's Fair of Money David L. Lawrence Convention Ctr. Pittsburgh, PA
Oct. 4:	MNS Coin Show at Serb Hall 5101 W. Oklahoma Ave. (9-4 PM)
Oct. 25:	Elgin Coin Club Show 495 Airport Rd. Elgin, IL (8-3 PM)

April 21-24, 2021
CSNS Convention
Schaumburg, IL

Aug. 10-14	ANA World's Fair of Money Rosemont, IL

Refreshment Schedule

Jan:	John B.
Feb:	Tom R.
Mar:	~~Dave Hunsicker~~
Apr:	~~Jordan H.~~
May:	~~Adele & Norm V.~~
Jun:	OPEN
Jul:	OPEN
Aug:	Justin P.
Sep:	OPEN
Oct:	OPEN
Nov:	OPEN
Dec:	Holiday Party

June Editorial

I highly recommend that members who attend wear a mask and use hand sanitizer until further notice. Eventually we hope that these precautions can be relaxed. No refreshments will be available, so if you need to have a snack during the meeting you are free to bring your own.—LAS

PRODUCING A PICKLE IN A POUCH

By Tom Casper

Many stores in the latter part of the nineteenth century and the early part of twentieth century utilized trade tokens in their daily transactions. The most prolific users of these were saloons, later called taverns. Some of the other businesses that used these were bakeries, billiard halls, cigar stores and dairies.

One of the most unusual companies to issue a trade token was a vinegar manufacturer in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. A 29mm aluminum token issued by them reads LEWIS & VAN HOLTEN/ (a vinegar barrel on its side)/ Milwaukee. The reverse reads GOOD FOR/50/CENTS. It has catalog number TC-147598.

The company was founded in Milwaukee in 1898 by Dutch immigrant J.G. (Jerry Gerrit) Van Holten. The 1902 Milwaukee City Directory shows he was partners with Frank C. Lewis and located at 3220 North Av. By 1909 he is listed with his brother William Van Holten.

An early Van Holten leaflet shows his flagship vinegar brand was Eastern Star Distilled Pickling Vinegar. They also were manufacturers of Double B and Dutch Brand white distilled vinegars and Dutch brand fermented pure apple cider. The inside of the leaflet lists thirty-nine uses of vinegar. Some of the suggestions are: vinegar applied with a sponge for sunburn gives great relief; as a refreshing and cooling drink; old paint brushes can be softened with boiling vinegar when washed with strong soap suds; cheese will not mold if wrapped in a cloth dampened with vinegar.

The main use for vinegar was for pickling. In the early part of the twentieth century many people pickled fruits and vegetables. Pickled cucumbers, usually called pickles, sauerkraut, eggs, herring are some of these. White vinegar was the vinegar of choice. Pickling with vinegar preserves food because its acidity keeps many microorganisms in check.

Eventually Van Holten expanded into the business of manufacturing pickles and sauerkraut. In 1939 he developed his flagship product, "Pickle in a Pouch", selling single pickles soaked in brine in a sealed pouch. With his business booming, he outgrew his Milwaukee location and to moved his operation to the city of New Berlin in Waukesha County. In a 1945 article in the Waukesha Freeman, the headline read, "$100,000 Pickle Plant Being Built Near Here". Proposed were a factory, warehouse with a boiler room with a 40' chimney. Later construction would include a two-story office building, a barrel shed, three more warehouses, manufacturing buildings and numerous large pickle tanks. It would be next to the TM "Rapid Transit" electric railroad line. On a postcard shown here is an architectural drawing of the proposed plant.

The only remaining building is located at 1815 S. Sunnyslope Rd. It is now used for multiple small businesses. Van Holten operated there from 1945 to 1956. They outgrew this building and came to be at odds with New Berlin on their methods of waste disposal. Complaints were made claiming Van Holten was giving off odors that were detrimental to the life, health and comfort of the residents. They were also accused of dumping waste material and vegetable matter into an open pit allowing it to decay.

After 11 years, Van Holten's moved again into the defunct Waterloo canning factory in Waterloo, Wisconsin where they remain today. They are 25 minutes east of Madison with 80+ employees. After four generations of Van Holtens, in 1992 it was sold to Milwaukee-based entrepreneur Jim Byrnes who in 2012 sold it to his son Steve Byrnes. Now you know everything you wanted to know about pickles, which are actually a fruit. If you can't find their Pickle in a Pouch at your local grocer, you can contact the company to purchase Pickle Brine Cocktail Mixer or Pickle Flavored Freeze Pops.###

Lewis & Van Holten 29 mm Aluminum Token

ATTENTION
PICKLE GROWERS

Cucumbers show a good return off of a small acreage

We will again open our station at Eagle, Wis. and Sunny Slope Road

For Further Detail's Contact
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Box 28 Milwaukee 12, Wis

Part of the processing line in the pickle factory, 1946. The company encouraged local gardeners and farmers to grow cucumbers for pickles (left). Dale Van Holten photo

THIS HANDY

Little Booklet contains a few suggestions for the use of WHITE DISTILLED VINEGAR and should be of great use to the housewife.

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Anti-Counterfeiting Educational Foundation

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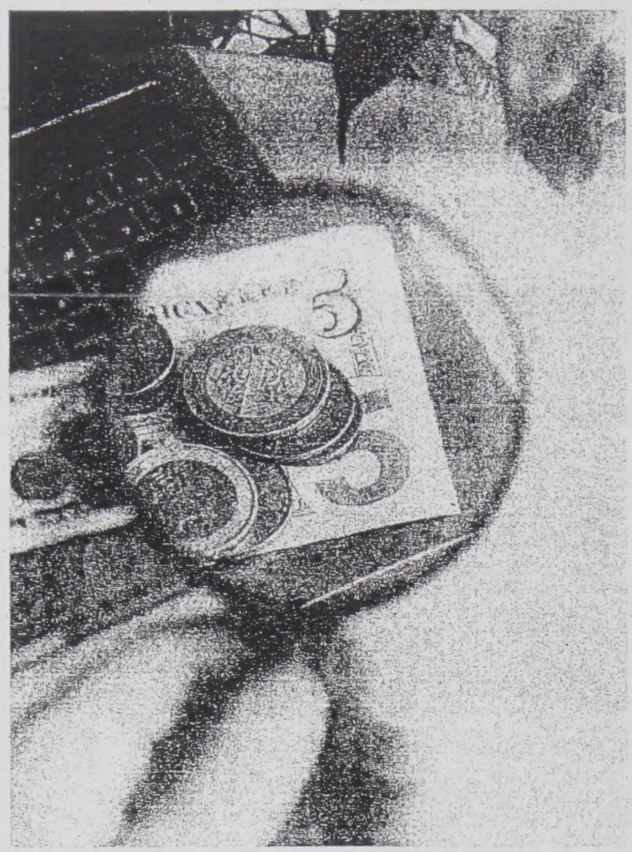
Anti-Counterfeiting Task Force

Counterfeit Coins Importer Sentenced to 10.5 Years in Prison

On Jan. 29, a federal court judge in Camden, N.J. sentenced admitted counterfeit coins importer, Jonathan A. Kirschner, 35, of Moorestown, N.J., to 10.5 years in prison. After being alerted by members of the Anti-Counterfeiting Educational Foundation about the sale of counterfeit coins to unsuspecting buyers, investigators discovered and confiscated at Kirschner's home fake gold and silver coins and bogus ingots that would have been worth more than $46 million if they were genuine, according to ACEF.



Foundation experts also provided ongoing expert assistance to the U.S. Attorney's office and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security during the investigation.

In addition to admitting he imported, possessed, and sold counterfeit coins, Kirschner admitted he falsely impersonated an agent of the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF).

His sentencing was delayed nearly a year as U.S. District Court Judge Robert B. Kugler received and considered comments from victims, including a dozen sovereign Mints, private mints, and grading services, according to Doug Davis, ACEF Director of Anti-Counterfeiting.

"The lengthy sentence is a major victory. I felt the judge was very thorough in reviewing the evidence and realized the possible high level of fraud that could occur," stated Richard Weaver, a member of the ACEF Board of Directors and President of the Professional Numismatists Guild who testified as an expert witness during the sentencing hearing on Jan. 28, 2020.

Weaver, President of Delaware Valley Rare Coins in Broomall, Pa., played a crucial role in the apprehension of Kirschner, also known under the alias of Jonathan Kratcher.

Two of Kirschner's victims visited Weaver in early 2017 seeking an evaluation of 49 Morgan dollars they purchased from Kirschner. Weaver examined the coins and informed the couple that all of them were counterfeits.

The two victims told Weaver they trusted Kirschner because he claimed he was an ATF agent selling coins as a side business. He displayed an ATF badge on his Facebook site and wore it when he met with them.

They also told Weaver that they had a tentative appointment with Kirschner to purchase more items in a couple of days. Weaver promptly contacted ACEF's Anti-Counterfeiting Task Force which, in turn, alerted federal law enforcement agents who immediately identified the ATF badge shown on Kirschner's Facebook site as counterfeit.

Working with the couple, ATF and Homeland Security Investigations set up a sting operation with an undercover agent posing as the sister of the couple. Kirschner was arrested in the act of selling counterfeit coins to the undercover agent.

After the arrest, law enforcement officials executed a search warrant of Kirschner's house and Customs and Border Protection intercepted additional packages shipped to him from China.

Weaver served as law enforcement's numismatic expert in the Kirschner case, devoting many hours to identifying all the counterfeit coins, bars, and grading service holder components. In addition, he provided a current market value for each item if it had been genuine so that law enforcement can determine the potential harm to victims and to the marketplace.

"The important work of the foundation and the task force are supported entirely by donations," explained the foundation's Executive Director Robert Brueggeman whose background is in law enforcement and security. "The ACEF is a 501(c)(3) corporation and all donations to ACEF are tax-deductible."

For additional information, contact the Anti-Counterfeiting Educational Foundation by phone at 817-723-7231, by email info@ACEFonline.org or visit the web site at www.ACEFonline.org.

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